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National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Applications Due May 18, 2021:

• Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

Applications Due June 9, 2021:

• Digital Projects for the Public

Applications Due July 15, 2021:

• Humanities Collections and Reference Resources

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Final Deadline: June 9, 2021: Archives Collaboratives

For projects to plan and develop a working collaborative designed to enhance the capacity of small and diverse organizations with historical records collections.

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: February 25, 2021

Final Deadline: July 13, 2021

Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives

For projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. This program has two phases. You must submit a Preliminary Proposal. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit a Final Proposal.



Take A Look At The Past

Pretty Nose was an Arapaho woman, and according to her grandson, was a war chief who participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. In some sources, Pretty Nose is called Cheyenne, although she was identified as Arapaho on the basis of her red, black and white beaded cuffs. The two tribes were allies at the Battle of the Little Bighorn and are still officially grouped together as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Wikipedia

GrantStation

COVID-19 Related Funding

Program Assists U.S. Latinx Arts Organizations and Artists

NALAC, in collaboration with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Intercultural Leadership Institute partners, is offering the Actos de Confianza relief effort to support Latinx artists and arts organizations who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Support for Organizations Addressing COVID-19 Needs in Golden, CO

The Golden Civic Foundation's COVID-19 Community Response Fund supports frontline nonprofit organizations in Golden, CO, that are addressing basic and urgent needs such as food, housing, and other financial burdens that are a direct result of the pandemic.

California Small Businesses Eligible for Loans

The California Rebuilding Fund is a loan program to support California's small businesses—especially those located in economically disadvantaged and historically under-banked areas of the state.

Competition Addresses Post-Pandemic Challenges in Canada and the U.S.

<u>Foundation for Educational Exchange Between Canada and the United States of America</u> (<u>Fulbright Canada</u>)

The Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge is an open call for youth from across Canada and the United States to provide creative ideas that aim to address critical social, economic, technological, and public health challenges in the post-COVID world. Ideas are sought in the following areas: improving public health and well-being, contributing to digital transformation, and finding solutions to social cohesion and economic recovery. Individuals or teams of youth who are the age of majority and reside in Canada or the United States are eligible to participate. The winning team will receive a \$25,000 prize and the second and third place winners will receive \$10,000, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala. The application deadline is January 30, 2021. Visit the Challenge website to review the timeline.

Support for Grassroots Conservation Organizations

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund is temporarily awarding grants to support the core operational costs of local, grassroots, species conservation organizations worldwide which are struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result face personnel or financial constraints in conducting species conservation work in 2021. Grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 will be provided. The upcoming application deadline is February 28, 2021. Visit the Fund's website to apply online.

For more grant opportunities, visit our COVID-19 Related Funding page.

National Opportunities

Support for Social Justice Efforts Nationwide

Solidaire is a community of donor organizers who mobilize quickly to get critical resources to the frontlines of social justice movements throughout the U.S.

Creation and Touring of New Dance Work Funded

The National Dance Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, is widely recognized as one of the country's major sources of funding for dance.

Grants Seek to Advance Knowledge on Race, Justice, and Religion

The Henry Luce Foundation's Theology Program is inviting inquiries for collaborative, experimental, and field-shaping initiatives that enliven the practice of public scholarship on—and promote public understanding of—race, justice, and religion in America.

Community Mediation Center Programs Supported

The NAFCM/JAMS Foundation Mini-Grant Program supports the development of innovative and effective programs that can be replicated by community mediation centers nationwide and serve as a pathway to their sustainability and growth.

Regional Opportunities

Approaching Deadline for Youth Racial Equity Efforts in the New England Region

The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality and value of health care for the people and communities served by the company.

RFP Promotes Economic Mobility in Bank Communities Throughout the U.S.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation works to advance pathways to economic mobility in order to build thriving communities.

Funds to Improve the Quality of Life for Kentuckians

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program's primary objective is to support needy Kentucky charities and worthy organizations that stand ready to help all Kentuckians in having a boundless future.

Grants Address Challenges Faced by Women and Girls in New Jersey

The Jewish Women's Foundation of New Jersey transforms the lives of individual women and girls through hands-on philanthropy and collective grantmaking.

Federal Opportunities

Program Supports Substance Abuse Recovery

The Building Communities of Recovery program seeks to mobilize resources within, and outside of, the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery support from substance abuse and addiction.

Funds Available to Promote Historical Records Access

The Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives program supports projects that promote

access to America's historical records to encourage understanding of our democracy, history, and culture.



Gannett Foundation Media Grants

The Gannett Foundation's Media Grants support nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions that offer journalism education and training programs. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.

- Funding (January 26): Save America's Treasures (National Park Service)
- Webinar (January 26): Endangered Sites of Diversity in California (Part 2): Immigrant History: Harada House, Riverside (California Preservation Foundation)
- Webinar (February 2): Endangered Sites of Diversity in California (Part 3): West Berkeley Shellmound, Berkeley (California Preservation Foundation)

Today's encore selection -- from "Switching on Creativity" by Allan W. Snyder, Sophie Ellwood, and Richard P. Chi. Most people are familiar with the phenomenon of savants (once referred to as idiot savants), individuals with significant brain dysfunction who are nevertheless able to do amazing things such as play complex piano pieces without any training after hearing them once, or count the exact number of matches in a pile in a single glance, or recall what day of the week a given date fell on from hundreds of years ago. However, we may all have the capacity for these kinds of things. Researchers have uncovered that this savant ability relates to two things. First, constraints placed on the right hemisphere of the brain by the patterns of learning and perception of the left hemisphere, so that the impairment of left hemisphere liberates certain aspects of the right hemisphere. Second, compensatory development of the right hemisphere because the left hemisphere has dysfunction. Interestingly, researchers have also discovered that they can induce heightened problem solving skills in individuals with normal function by temporarily quieting neural activity in the left hemisphere:

"A number of studies suggest that savants have some form of left-hemisphere dysfunction, together with right-hemisphere facilitation. (Typically damage to one hemisphere of the brain incites compensatory activity in the other half.) This characteristic can be observed from early childhood or after an injury, stroke or dementia damages the left hemisphere. Some of these impairments occur in a brain area of particular interest to us, the left anterior temporal lobe. ...

"T. L. Brink, then at the Palo Alto School of Professional Psychology, described the case of Mr. Z, who as a nine-year-old child suffered a gunshot wound to the left temporal lobe. He lost the ability to read and write but suddenly gained extraordinary mechanical skills; for example, he discovered he could dismantle and reassemble multi-gear bicycles without instruction. Another case is Orlando Serrell, whom we have studied, who was hit

on the left side of his head with a baseball when he was 10. He has exhibited savant skills in calendar calculation the ability to swiftly discern the day of the week that a given date falls on -- and in literal recall of the weather every day since his accident. The abrupt emergence of autistic-like cognitive abilities in acquired savant syndrome points to the possibility that these skills are latent in us all, but beyond conscious access.

"Intriguingly, recent evidence suggests we need not wound ourselves to access this altered cognitive state. We can quiet neuronal activity in the left hemisphere for brief periods using well-accepted forms of noninvasive brain stimulation. Many studies have shown that such stimulation can temporarily either inhibit or enhance neuronal activity in targeted areas. These techniques are now being explored for numerous applications, including the treatment of depression, eating disorders and speech impairments, among many others. ...

"In one recent experiment [which used a weak electric current to temporarily disrupt the firing patterns of established networks of left hemisphere brain cells], we asked 60 right-handed participants to solve a series of matchstick arithmetic 'insight' problems. An erroneous arithmetic statement, spelled out in Roman numerals using matchsticks, must be corrected by moving one matchstick.

"Participants were first given 27 problems that all involved one type of solution, namely changing an 'X' to a 'V.' The goal was to prime the subjects to become fixed in one way of solving problems. Once people have learned to solve a problem, past research has shown, they often struggle to generate solutions using a different approach. As economist John Maynard Keynes put it, 'The difficulty lies not in grasping the new ideas, but rather in escaping from the old ones.'

"The participants then received five minutes of [electric current] stimulation. Next the subjects had six minutes to solve another problem. This task required a different kind of solution. As we had expected, many people were stuck. Yet 60 percent of those in the group that received stimulation according to our parameters solved the problem. Only 20 percent of those in the placebo group solved the new problem, and reversing the direction of stimulation did not have a significant effect on performance.

"We did a follow-up study to ensure that our results were not a fluke. This time we used a notoriously difficult task -- the classic nine-dots problem. The goal is to connect all nine dots with four straight lines, drawn without lifting pen from paper or retracing a line. A century of research has established that in the laboratory, at most 5 percent of participants manage to crack it, and very likely fewer manage to do so. Most people fail to decipher it even with hints and plenty of time. ... None of our participants solved the problem before stimulation or in the sham condition. Yet 14 out of 33 individuals did so as a result of receiving stimulation at the anterior temporal lobes according to our protocol. We

calculated that the probability that this fraction of people could solve it by chance is less than one in a billion".

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SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative to Help Growing Entrepreneurs Opens for 2021 Recruitment

WASHINGTON – The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration</u> announced the launch of the 2021 Emerging Leaders initiative for executives of small businesses poised for growth in underserved markets. Local area recruitment for the 2021 training cycle is currently underway at designated SBA District Offices. Interested small business owners can learn more regarding eligibility, how to apply, class schedules and locations at <u>www.sba.gov/emergingleaders</u>, or by contacting their local <u>SBA District Office</u>.

"I am proud of Emerging Leaders' success to date, and the impact the training has made in helping to take small businesses from across the country to the next level," said Allen Gutierrez, Associate Administrator of the SBA's Office of Entrepreneurial Development. "As small businesses are recovering from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, SBA will continue to provide key resources to help businesses to grow even stronger and return to prosperity. Since its inception in 2008, Emerging Leaders has trained more than 4,000 small business owners, creating over 7,000 jobs, generating over \$500 million in new financing, and securing over \$4 billion in government contracts."

The SBA's Emerging Leaders provides free entrepreneurship education and training for executives of small businesses that are potential job creators. This intensive executive entrepreneurship series includes nearly 100 hours of classroom time. Emerging Leaders provides participants with the opportunity to work with a network of experienced coaches and mentors, attend specialized workshops, and develop connections with their peers, city leaders, and the financial community. As a result, Emerging Leaders help build sustainable businesses that promote economic development within their communities.

For eligibility requirements, registration and training locations please visit: <u>2021 SBA Emerging</u> Leaders Initiative

Sheldon Spotted Elk has joined the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) as program director, tribal justice partnerships. He has extensive expertise and regularly speaks on tribal law, child welfare, and juvenile law. His area of focus also includes cultural humility and ethics in children's representation.

"I am honored and excited to work on tribal justice relations with the NCJFCJ serving the 400 tribal courts and working on issues that affect children and families that impact tribal sovereignty in state jurisdictions," said Sheldon Spotted Elk. "The NCJFCJ has been the national leader for more than 80 years, assisting court-involved children and families through judicial leadership and innovation. It is a great honor to join the NCJFCJ family."

Before joining the NCJFCJ, Spotted Elk worked as a director of Indian Child Welfare for Casey Family Programs, under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act placed within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Justice Support. He also has worked as a guardian ad litem and parents' representative in juvenile and family matters in tribal court. He currently serves as a judge on the Ute Indian Court of Appeals. He has taught family law in Indian Country as an adjunct professor and has guest lectured at multiple law schools.

"With Sheldon Spotted Elk at the helm of our critical work to bridge the partnership of tribal and state courts, the NCJFCJ will be doing our best work for children, families, and victims of violence who seek justice," said Joey Orduña Hastings, CEO, NCJFCJ. "His knowledgeable insights and experience will lift our efforts even further in our initiatives building collaborative tribal and state justice systems."

Spotted Elk has published a law journal article on tribal constitutional reform, creating a legal framework that approximates tribal community and cultural values. He has authored additional articles on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

"Our strong partnership with the NCJFCJ allows us to collectively strengthen the collaborative opportunities of state and tribal court systems," said Judge Richard Blake, president of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA). "Sheldon Spotted Elk is a terrific addition to the NCJFCJ team who understands and represents the best interests of children and families in tribal communities."

Spotted Elk was recognized as a National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 40 Under 40 recipient, a prestigious award which recognizes 40 emerging American Indian leaders from across Indian Country.

He is a graduate of the School of Law at The University of New Mexico and received a Certificate in Federal Indian Law. He completed his undergraduate degree from The University of Utah College of Social Work. And he and his two sons are members of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

By KPS3 January 14, 2021

Bioneers is launching a new program, **Telling Our Stories: Re-Envisioning the Future**, and we need your help to support youth storytelling and empowerment!



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Dear Activist Friends and Colleagues,

We have worked many decades for this through protests, marches, events, courts and organizations advocating for the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We have success and are planning to gather, hold

banners and speak in Las Vegas at the Federal Courthouse located at: 333 LV Blvd., to show American support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that enters into force on January 22, 2021, in solidarity with other global events, beginning at 11 am.

Then, we will travel to the Nevada Test Site gate (Peace Camp) to hold our banners for workes building & testing weapons of mass destruction (WMD). This is important because workers do not question themselves or the culture of secrecy under which they work. Secrecy demonstrates intent and we must assert our right to live free from nuclear weapons.

Please share and attend if you can.

Sincerely,

Principal Man Ian Zabarte, Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians Treaty of Ruby Valley (Consolidated Treaty Series Vol. 127 1863)

Should Fossil Fuels Be Treated Like Nuclear Weapons?

Greta Moran, Slate

Moran writes: "Activists, policy experts, and academics are beginning to push for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, modeled off its predecessor on nuclear weapons."

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"The scent of burning sweetgrass and diesel exhaust permeated the morning air. A line of combat patrol vehicles filed toward Command Sergeant Major Kelly, as she swept the Iraqi air

with Montana sweet grass and imparted sacred Crow prayers."



The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2021 Civic Fellowship Program will be ongoing from now until January 22, 2021. Every year, ILF's selection committee identifies approximately 30 outstanding Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander college students to spend 8 to 10 weeks interning at a federal agency in Washington D.C. during the summer.

Students accepted into the program are known as Civic Fellows and will receive a stipend of \$2,000 upon program completion. In addition to their full-time federal internships, they will attend professional development workshops and leadership training. Fellows are responsible for their own travel, housing, and living expenses.

"One of ILF's goals is to prepare and advocate for the next generation of leaders in public service," shared Chairman of ILF Dr. Paul Hsu. "It is so important to increase exposure and understanding of civic engagement so that young leaders can take action to support their communities in relevant ways."

Based on the interests and majors of selected Civic Fellowship candidates, ILF will help place them with federal agencies, congressional offices, or the White House.

Undergraduate students of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islanders heritage are encouraged to apply.

Iowa Funeral Directors Association (IFDA) Scholarship Fund Irene Runnels-Paula McStay Scholarships J.C. Cote Scholarship Jack G. Dodds Scholarship Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund John M. & Mary A. Shanley Memorial Scholarship Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program KnowBe4 Women in Cybersecurity Scholarship	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$2,000 \$20,000 Varies \$10,000 \$1,600	02/28/2021 02/23/2021 02/28/2021 02/28/2021 02/28/2021 02/24/2021 02/20/2021 02/22/2021 02/28/2021
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Linda Norton Good Neighbor Scholarship Fund	\$500	
Live Deliberately Essay Contest		02/16/2021
Maryland Sea Grant Undergraduate Fellowships in Estuarine Science	\$6,000	02/21/2021
MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge	\$20,000	02/21/2021
Michigan Impact Scholarship	Varies	02/28/2021
Military Commanders' Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	02/17/2021
NASF Foundation Scholarships	Varies	02/28/2021
Nat Moore Scholarship	\$10,000	02/28/2021
NATAS Chicago/Midwest College Scholarships	\$5,000	02/17/2021
National Kidney Foundation of Indiana Scholarship Program	Varies	02/20/2021
NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation	\$2,500	02/28/2021
NBC News Summer Partnership	Varies	02/28/2021
NC State College of Natural Resources Forestry and Environmental Resources Scholarships	\$6,000	02/15/2021
Nevada Womens Fund Scholarships	\$5,000	02/28/2021
New Beginnings Scholarship	\$5,000	02/28/2021
New York State Scholarships for Academic Excellence	\$1,500	02/17/2021
New York Water Environment Association Scholarships	\$12,000	02/26/2021
NY Grace LeGendre Fellowships	\$2,000	02/28/2021
NYWEA N.G. Kaul Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	02/26/2021
OAB Scholarship Awards	\$2,000	02/17/2021
PAF's Scholarships for Survivors	Varies	02/19/2021
Red Thread Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000	02/28/2021
Renate W. Chasman Award	\$2,500	02/28/2021
SBB Research Group STEM Scholarship	\$2,500	02/28/2021